

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☒ no ☐

Property Name: Chandler House Inventory Number: WI-670
 Address: 28672 Old Quantico Road Historic district: yes ☒ no ☐
 City: Salisbury Zip Code: 21801 County: Wicomico
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Salisbury
 Property Owner: Jesse W. Suiters Tax Account ID Number: 030247
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 192 Tax Map Number: 37
 Project: MD 349: US 50 to Culver Road Agency: State Highway Administration
 Agency Prepared By: State Highway Administration
 Preparer's Name: Jennifer Goold Date Prepared: 08/11/2009

Documentation is presented in: _____

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:

Name of the District/Property: _____

Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no ☐ Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Chandler House, at 28672 Old Quantico Road, Salisbury, Maryland, is a "Free Classical" Queen Anne style house. While the Queen Anne was the predominate style from the late 19th c. through the early decades of the 20th century, the relatively low roof pitch and simple Classical ornamentation suggest a 20th century date of construction for the house. The Chandler House displays the type's full retinue of stylistic features, including asymmetrical massing, pitched roof with cross-gables and dormers, bay windows, and wrap-around porches. Common to the Free Classical variation of the Queen Anne style, the house has classical porch ornamentation, as well as plain wood clapboard siding. The house is substantial and is notably intact. It retains its original brick foundation and chimneys, wood siding, wood windows and doors, and porches. Exterior alterations appear to be limited to asphalt roofing and enclosure of one porch on a secondary elevation. An interesting feature, the large rear ell may have been a workshop for Chandler's trades as a truck farmer or house carpenter. The interior was not examined as part of this documentation.

The Chandler House is set back from Old Quantico Road on a nearly one-acre wooded lot. A large pond, which has been an attribute of the area through the 20th century, is located behind the house, as is a wood-frame barn, now converted to a dwelling. The property boundary corresponds to Wicomico County Map 37, Parcel 192.

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The Chandler House faces south. The massive rectangular central block of the house is relieved by a cross gable on each elevation and a substantial one-story rear ell extends from the back of the house. The primary façade is two bays wide. The front entrance is located in the western bay and is set in a projecting cross-gable with polygonal bay. The front gable features a pent roof enclosing the gable, which is lit by a window. The entry door is a five-panel wood door topped by a three light transom. Vertical windows with five lights flank the front door on the receding planes of the polygonal bay.

Secondary elevations display the irregular forms and variety of window types characteristic of the Queen Anne style. The east elevation features an exterior brick fireplace chimney with a corbelled cap that is flanked by windows at the southern section of the elevation. Cross gables and polygonal and square bays extend from the east and west elevations. Most windows hold wood one-over-one sash and retain wood shutters. Smaller windows, such as those in the gable ends and stair typically hold multiple pane upper sashes and single pane lower sash.

Three expansive porches, one of which is enclosed, wrap the Chandler house and reinforce the house's substantial and gracious demeanor. The largest is a 1-story wraparound porch that extends across the front façade and wraps the east and west elevations. This porch has three cross gables: one capping the entry on the front and one on both the east and west elevations. The gables feature closed pediments with classical cornices and wood shingle infill. The porches retain original Doric columns and wood railings with square balusters. Columns are paired under the cross gables on the side elevations. Smaller secondary porches are located at the rear of the east and west elevations. The east shed-roofed porch retains its wood cornice, square wood column with capital, brick piers, and wood railing with square balusters. The west shed-roofed porch has been enclosed. A large one-story, gable-end ell extends from the rear elevation of the Chandler House. This ell has a brick foundation, wood German siding, and wood windows and doors. Although window types and sizes vary (including four-over-four sash, six-over-six sash, and one-over-one sash), all are wood. The size of this feature and elements such as the paired double doors on its west elevation suggest that it may have been built for use as a workshop.

The barn retains its original form, brick foundation, exterior wood siding, and wood windows on secondary elevations. The property owner has altered fenestration on the primary elevation to convert the building to residential use. Double doors are installed in the vehicular and loft entry openings and large picture windows have been added.

Because the Queen Anne style persisted in use well into the 20th century on the eastern shore of Maryland, it is not known whether the house was built by the Bells pre-1914 or the Chandlers after 1917. The Bells appear to have been wealthy and would likely have had the capital to construct a substantial house outside the center of town, while Charles Chandler was a house builder and would have had the skills to build the house himself. Prior to 1914, Daisy M. Bell owned the property. In 1910, Ms. Bell (aged 41), a clerk for the school board, lived with her widowed father, George W. Bell (aged 64), who was a lawyer, in a large 19th century house on Bell Avenue in Salisbury. (1) Daisy Bell was the only child of George and Ella Bell. (2) Ella appears to have died young, and Daisy and James initially lived with his mother, Amanda, after Ella's death. (3)

In 1914, James E. Lowe and Emma S. Lowe purchased property from Daisy M. Bell. In 1910, James E. Lowe (aged 55) lived with his second wife, Emma (aged 47), and their son James (aged 17). James worked as a livery man in a livery stable. (4) Earlier in his life, he had been a blacksmith and appears to have owned his own stable for a time, where he also traded horses. (5)

In 1917, James and Emma Lowe sold the property to Charles L. Chandler of Northampton County, Virginia. Chandler was the son of a carpenter and in 1910 he was a farm worker in Virginia. (6) By 1920, census data shows that the Chandler family was in residence on Quantico Road. At that date, Charles L. Chandler (aged 46) was working on his own as a truck farmer. He lived with his wife Clara (aged 41), daughter Clara (aged 17), and son Charles S. (aged 15). (7) By 1930, the senior Chandler had gone into the house building business with his son, who remained at home. (8) Between 1941 and the present, the property has been in long-

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term ownership by two families, the Johnsons and the Suiters, while it seems that the part of the land with the barn was owned for a time by the Wimbrows.

The Chandler House meets Criterion C for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of its type and period as a late period Queen Anne house with classical features that retains a high degree of integrity. It is especially representative of the form as built on Maryland's eastern shore in the early decades of the 20th century. Located on the outskirts of Salisbury, the house represents the type as built by prosperous professionals and tradesmen in Maryland's market towns and incorporates features distinctive to its semi-rural setting including a substantial barn and a large rear ell that may have been used as a workshop.

The Chandler House retains integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association. The house remains in its original location on the fringes of Salisbury, Maryland in Wicomico County, Maryland. The property's design, including form, structure, and style remain intact. The barn's integrity of plan has been reduced by its alteration for use as a residence. Less serious, the plan of the house appears to have minor alterations for use as apartments that are likely reversible. The house retains its immediate setting including open yard, mature trees and shrubs, drive and walks, and lake at the back of the property. The greater setting across the roadway from the property is now commercial, which does diminish the setting in totality. The house retains the vast majority of its original materials. Exterior alterations on the house are limited to replacement roof sheathing with asphalt and enclosure of one porch on a secondary elevation. The barn is more altered and now displays residential fenestration on the primary façade. The workmanship of the buildings remains greatly intact with the craft of the early 20th homebuilder in evidence throughout the property carrying with it the feeling and association of a substantial Free Classical Queen Anne home.

- (1) 1910 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, ED 119, p. 17-A, dwelling 301, family 313 (George W. Bell); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.
- (2) 1870 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, p. 23, dwelling 172, family 183 (George W. Bell); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.
- (3) 1880 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, p. 42, dwelling 425, family 425 (Amanda Bell); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.
- (4) 1910 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, ED 120, p. 1-B, dwelling 18, family 20 (James E. Low); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.
- (5) 1880 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, p. 11, dwelling 107, family 107 (James W. White); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009, 1900 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, ED 123, p. 19-A, dwelling 398, family 415 (James E. Lowe); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.
- (6) 1910 U.S. census, Northampton County, Virginia, ED 95, p. 5-A, dwelling 159, family 169 (Charles S. Chandler); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.
- (7) 1920 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, ED 128, p. 14-A, dwelling 223, family 243 (Charles L. Chandler); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.
- (8) 1930 U.S. census, Wicomico County, Maryland, Salisbury, ED 23-16, p. 3-A, dwelling 51, family 52 (Charles L. Chandler); image copy at <www. heritagequestonline.com>, viewed 4 August 2009.

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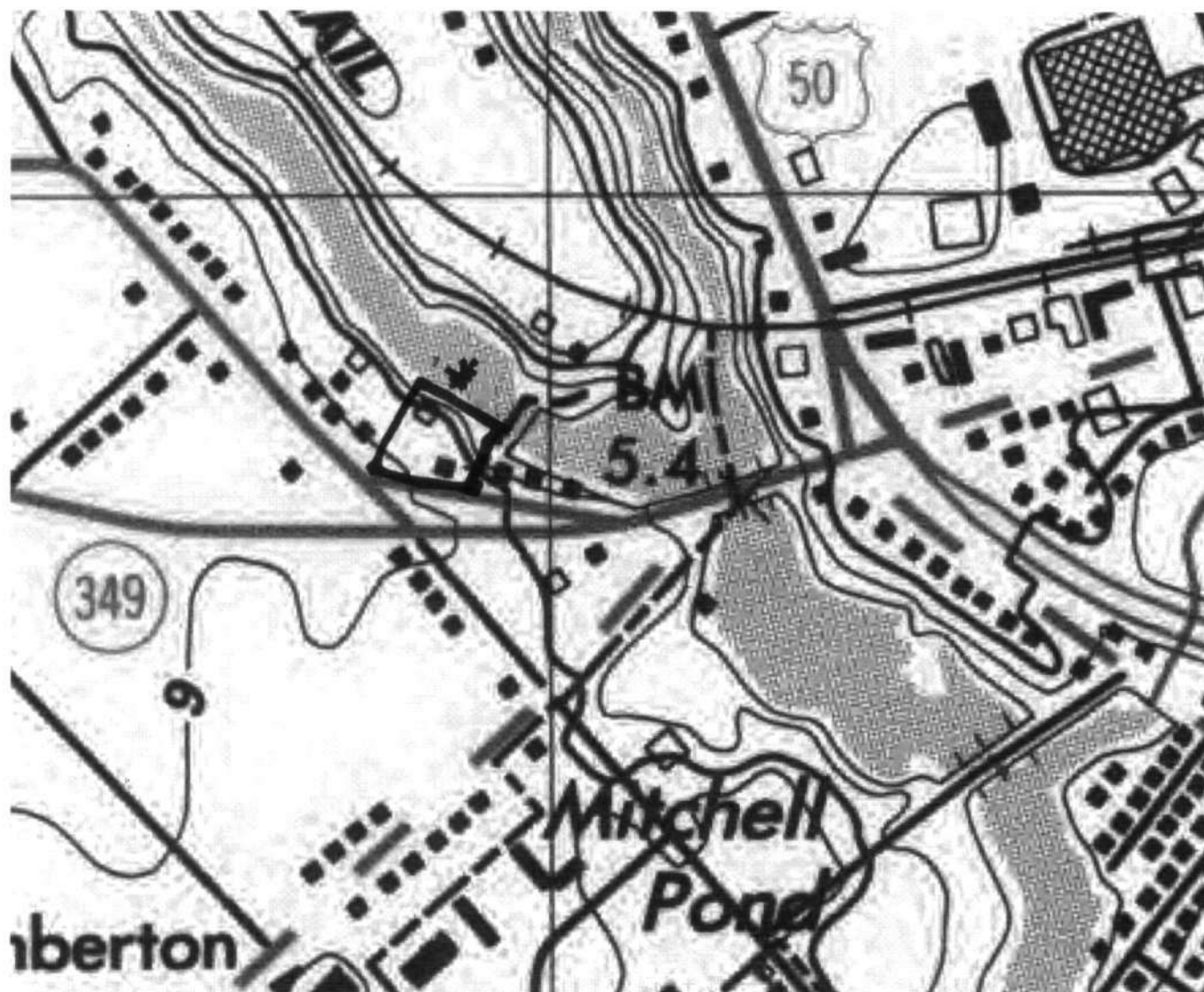
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Salisbury USGS Quad Map



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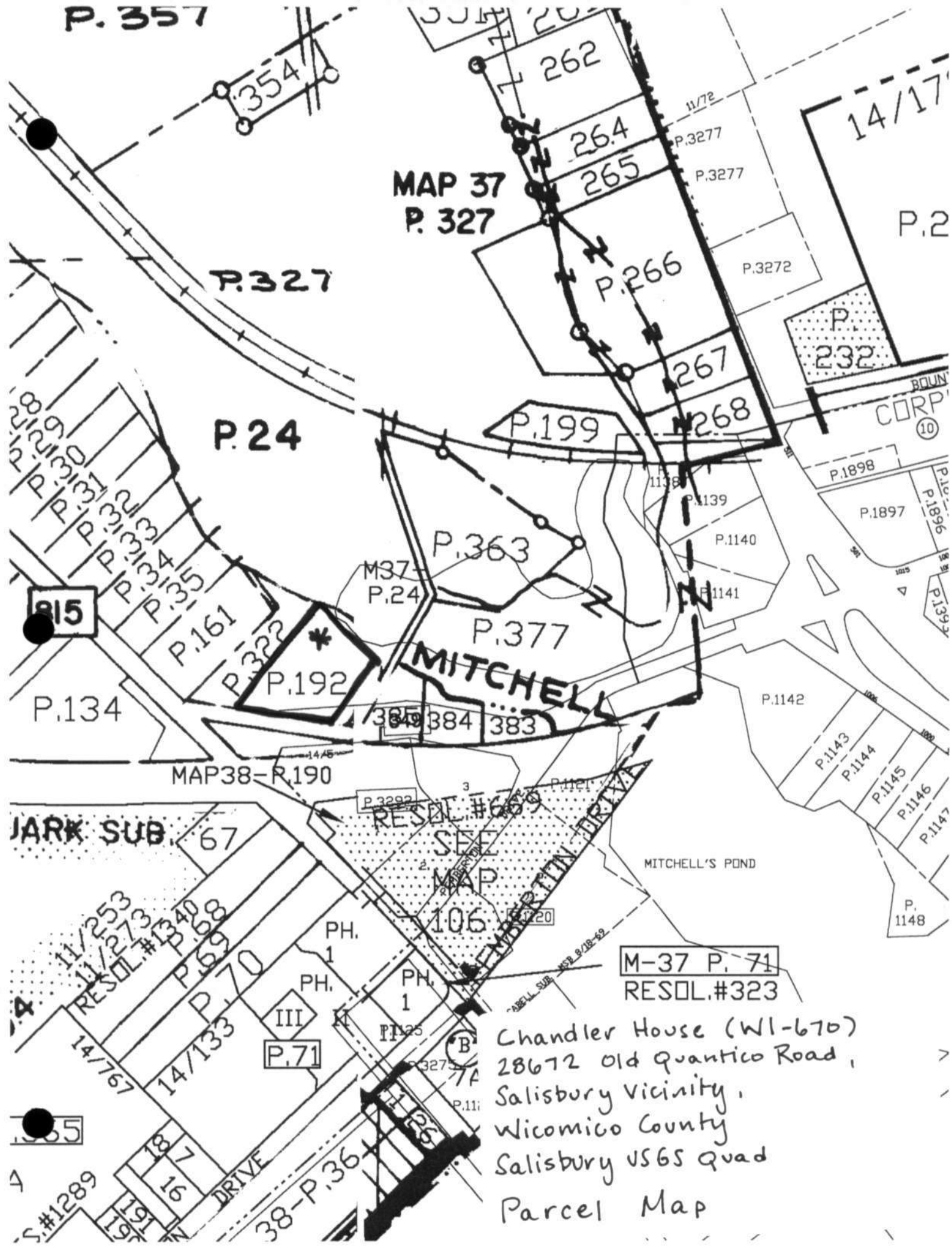
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28672 Old Quantico Road,
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